MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, subject to the provisions of Articles 471 and 127, Travancore Service Regulations, a copy of which is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*c*) & (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

(*e*) No; if the conditions of Article 127, T. S. R. are satisfied.

Food Control and Distribution Committees.

23. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have organised in all the taluk and pakuthies 'Food Control and Distribution Committees' with non-official members since 1-5-1118; and

(*b*) if so, what is the nature of the work those committees are expected to do?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Division and Taluk Food Control Committees have been formed in which non-officials are also included.

(*b*) To secure the objects outlined in the Press Note, dated the 3rd December 1942, *viz.*, to assist the local officers in the work of purchase and distribution of paddy and rice.

Rice Mills.

24. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation praying for the stopping of all rice mills in the State as a means of solving the present food problem; and

(*b*) if so, their decision on the same?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) and (*b*) No; but Government have issued Notification R. O. C. No. 2477/42/C. F. S., dated the 10th October 1942, prescribing that in polishing the rice not more than 25 per cent. of the bran be removed.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether the Government have any idea of the number of rice mills in the State?

PRESIDENT: I may say for the information of the member that Government have under consideration the question of the abolition of all rice mills in the State.

Grant-in-aid to teachers of primary schools.

25. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of teachers in primary classes of Malayalam Schools conducted by private management who are not getting any grant at present;

(*b*) the total amount required for giving them also grant-in-aid; and

(*c*) whether the Government have, or the Director of Public Instruction has, considered the question of giving them also grant-in-aid?

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